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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the Governor's action on the following County-advocacy measures:

- **County-supported AB 1730 (Wagner)** - related to home loan modifications, was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014.
- **County-supported AB 1743 (Ting)** - related to the issuance of hypodermic needles and syringes, was signed by the Governor on September 15, 2014.
- **County-supported AB 1839 (Gatto and Bocanegra)** - related to film tax credits, was signed by the Governor on September 18, 2014.
- **County-supported AB 1967 (Pan)** - related to investigations of Drug Medi-Cal providers, was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014.
- **County-supported SB 1054 (Steinberg)** - related to Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction grants, was signed by the Governor on September 18, 2014.
- **County-supported SB 1339 (Cannella)** - related to criminal background checks for Drug Medi-Cal providers or applicants designated as high-risk, was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014.

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### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported AB 1730 (Wagner)**, which as amended on August 19, 2014, charges persons and/or entities who demand advance fees to purportedly assist with home loan modifications with new civil penalties including: 1) penalties of \$20,000 for each violation; 2) additional penalties of \$2,500 per violation if the victim is a disabled person or a senior citizen; and 3) court ordered restoration to a senior citizen or disabled person of the money or property acquired by means of a violation, was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014. This measure is Chapter 457, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-supported AB 1743 (Ting)**, which as amended on May 27, 2014, authorizes a pharmacist or physician to provide an unlimited number of hypodermic needles and syringes to a person 18 years of age or older, for personal use, until January 1, 2021, was signed by the Governor on September 15, 2014. This measure is Chapter 331, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-supported AB 1839 (Gatto and Bocanegra)**, which as amended on August 27, 2014, extends qualified motion picture tax credits through June 30, 2020, and increases the amount of tax credits for a qualified motion picture to the applicable percentage of qualified expenditures up to \$100.0 million, among other provisions, was signed by the Governor on September 18, 2014. This measure is Chapter 413, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2016.

**County-supported AB 1967 (Pan)**, which as amended on July 1, 2014: 1) requires the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), upon commencing and concluding a preliminary criminal investigation of a certified Drug Medi-Cal Program provider, to promptly notify each county that contracts with the provider that an investigation has commenced or concluded; 2) requires any communication between DHCS and a county specific to the commencement or conclusion of a preliminary criminal investigation to be considered confidential and not subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act; and 3) prohibits a county from taking any adverse action against a provider based solely on the preliminary criminal information disclosed, was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014. This measure is Chapter 461, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-supported SB 1054 (Steinberg)**, which as amended on August 18, 2014, makes technical changes to the administration of Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grants which were reinstated in the FY 2014-15 State Budget Act. The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, for three years, to counties to provide

specialized mental health services designed to reduce recidivism for adult and juvenile offenders. SB 1054 was signed by the Governor on September 18, 2014. This measure is Chapter 436, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2015.

**County-supported SB 1339 (Cannella)**, which as amended on August 12, 2014: 1) requires a certified Drug Medi-Cal nonprofit provider or applicant designated as high categorical risk by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to submit fingerprint images and related information for their executive directors and officers, as specified, to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to obtain criminal history information; 2) requires DOJ to forward the fingerprint images and related information to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and to request a Federal summary of criminal information; and 3) requires DOJ to review the information received from the FBI and provide a response to DHCS, while also authorizing DOJ to charge a fee to the subject of the criminal background check to cover the cost of processing the request, was signed by the Governor on September 19, 2014. This measure is Chapter 488, Statutes of 2014, and becomes effective January 1, 2015.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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